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LEGISLATIVE NEWS, TOPICS AND ACTION NEEDED

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JUNE 2026 LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER- PART 2

In our initial Legislative Newsletter of June 1, 2026, we informed you about **two (2) pieces of legislation that were pending in the Ohio Legislature which could impede or negatively impact our rights to vote – Senate Joint Resolution 10 and House Joint Resolution 9**. These resolutions would amend Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require that **“elector’s show photo identification when voting in person at a polling place or other voting location designated by law...”**

Voting on these Joint Resolutions took place on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026. Both Resolutions passed making election security constitutional law. These Resolutions will put a constitutional amendment on the ballot for voters to consider. S.J. Resolution No. 10 passed the Senate with 22 votes. Every Democrat voted against the Resolution.

The House voted on the companion Resolution – H.J. Resolution No. 9 also on June 10th, and it passed by a vote of 62 Yeas and 30 Nays; with the majority party voting for passage.

Elimination of Child Marriage in Ohio

Senate Bill 341, which requires someone to be 18 years of age before they can be married was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 10th, 2026. At some point it will be going before the entire Senate for a vote. Thank you to those of you who made calls or sent emails to ask the Judiciary Committee to move this legislation along.

Track this legislation on the Senate’s Website so that you can again contact your legislators when this legislation comes up for a vote in the Senate. We want to make our voices heard.

As previously stated the Arguments for banning child marriage include the difficulty of married minors to get divorces, the severe power imbalance if you have a 17-year minor married to someone significantly older than they are and issues related to human trafficking.

Thank you to everyone who made calls or sent emails last week to the Judiciary Committee. Let us keep the pressure. **Keep calling and sending emails so that this legislation becomes law.**

We will strive to keep you updated on pending legislation

Best Personal Wishes to each of you.

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